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PLURALITY OF STANDARD FEATURES IN AN APPLICATION  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 19, 2003. Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 21 and 31 are amended herein to overcome claim objections. Because the Applicants believe the amendments to each of the independent claims now place the case in condition for allowance, entry of the Amendment, withdrawal of the rejections, and passage of the case for allowance is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper

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